

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present preliminary amendment cancels claim 1 and amends claims 2-6, 8-12, 15, and 16. Claims 2-16 are pending.

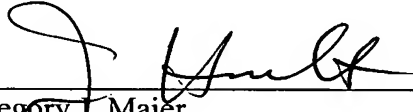
The amendment to independent claim 2 places claim 2 in substantially the same form as claim 2 in the allowed parent application (Serial No. 10/020,925), except that occurrences of "consisting of" are presently changed to "comprising." A swift and favorable examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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